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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SHIGEO T. OYAMA

Application No. 10/089,515



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 26, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

A procedural review of the application file reveals that appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 18, 2004. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the disclosure statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Clarification is required.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the examiner:

- 1) to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement received by the Office on November 18, 2004;
- 2) to notify appellant of said written consideration of the disclosure statement, have communication scanned into the record; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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